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IF THERE'S ONE THING WE AREN'T GONNA GIVE UP, IT'S BASEBALL. THE BENCH IS ALWAYS RIGHT HERE...!!

I DID MY BEST, JUST LIKE A NEW PLAYER!

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PACKED FULL OF ENTHUSIASM, A MAN WITH AN ANTI-ATHLETE'S BODY!!

8TH GRADER
D TEAM MEMBER
YAMAGUCHI
TSUTOMU

COACH! WHAT SHOULD THE "D TEAM" DO?!

A TEAM, STAY AS YOU ARE.

B TEAM AND C TEAM, MOVE TEMPORARILY TO THE SOCCER FIELD... B TAKES THE NORTH SIDE, AND C TAKES THE SOUTH.

THERE'RE SOME THINGS I WANTCHA TO DO LATER, ANYWAYS...

JUST WATCH FROM HERE...

YES, SIR!!

...NOW MOVE.

WHO IS THAT GUY?

I THINK HIS NAME'S YAMAGUCHI. HE DID ESPECIALLY BAD ON THE RUNNING SECTION IN THE TEAM BREAKUP TEST...I THINK HE GOT THE LOWEST SCORE...AND THIS IS HIS FIRST DAY.

HE'S THE NEWBIE WHO MOVED HERE FROM THE CITY...

HE SURE LOOKS SLOW... WHAT A FATTY!

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KYAAAAA! ONODERA-SENPAAA-AAAA!!

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9TH GRADER
A TEAM CATCHER
ASHIDA JUNICHI

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JIN'S SURE MAKING SOME GOOD SOUNDS COME FROM THE MITT!

JIN... NOW THROW 20 CURVES, THEN YOU CAN TAKE YOUR BREAK.

9TH GRADER
A TEAM PITCHER
ONODERA JIN

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YEEEES SIIIIR.

HEY, MANAGER HIBARI! TAKE THE NEWBIES AND D TEAM OUT TO GO DO THE SHOPPING!

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT YOUR MANAGER?! ...JERKS!

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8TH GRADER
D TEAM MEMBER
ISHII KENJI

MORE IMPORTANTLY... I'M RIGHT ON THE VERGE OF TAKING A CRAP HERE!

BUT SHI-TOU'S LEFT HANDED!

OK, AFTER SHICHIKI'S PITCHING COMES SHITOU'S SLIDERS!

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9TH GRADER
D TEAM MEMBER
OU MASAYUKI

BY THE WAY, IS THAT ACTUALLY EVEN HIS REAL NAME...?

THE LINES MAKE HIM LOOK LIKE A HANSHIN FAN, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS SUCH A GIANTS-ISH NAME...

EH? WHAT...IS WITH THAT HAIRDO... IT'S HOR-RIBLE.

OU! SHOPPING!

WHAT IS IT, ISHII?

WOAH! SENPAI... THAT...

YEAH... "OU" IS HIS REAL NAME, BUT HE'S A HANSHIN FAN...

THE VERY FACT THAT HE EXISTS IS RUDE TO THE "WORLD'S OU!"

YO, HIBARI!

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THUNK

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TL NOTE: HANSHIN TIGERS AND TOKYO KYOJIN ARE THE TWO BIGGEST BASEBALL TEAMS IN JAPAN (AND OBVIOUSLY RIVALS). ALSO THE NAME "OU" TRANSLATES TO "KING" AND IS AN UNCOMMON NAME IN JAPANESE. ANOTHER THING WHILE WE ARE AT IT. WHEN THEY SPEAK OF BEING A MANAGER, THEY REALLY MEAN ERRAND BOY. IT'S KIND OF A SLANG/JOKE.

ALRIGHT! NOW... TO GRAB THEIR HEARTS!!

LOOK AT HER STAAAAARING AT ME!! THEY BOTH ARE! THIS CLUB'S REALLY GOT SOME CUTE GIRLS IN IT!

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9TH GRADER
D TEAM MEMBER
MORIMOTO HIBARI

THE ONLY REASON I BECAME THE MANAGER WAS TO GET CLOSE TO ONODERA-SENPAI!

WHY DO I HAVE TO BE TOGETHER WITH FATTY AND THAT STUPID CLOSE-CROPPED HEAD...?!

7TH GRADER
BASEBALL CLUB
MANAGER
TAKATORI YURI

UMMMM

RUSTLE

JUST SID-DOWN!

OK, BUT...! THE POOP...

SIT DOWN, ISHII!

DISAP-PEARING MIRACLE BALL!!!

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FLUMP

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MY NAME IS YAMAGUCHI TSUTOMU, I JOINED D TEAM TODAY...NICE TO MEET YOU.

AHH?! WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, FATTY?! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU, ANY-WAY!!?

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THAT WAS A BALK.

GAHAHAHAHA!! HOWZAT?!

WOOOOOOW!! IT REALLY DIS-APPEARED!!

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HIS HIDING TIMING SURE WAS GOOD...

AND HIS FORM WAS BEAUTIFUL...

YAMAGUCHI... TSUTOMU...!?

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UMMM... I...REALLY GOTTA POOP...

YOU'RE THE PITCHER FOR D TEAM, AREN'T YOU ...?!

PLEASE TRY THROWING IT PROPERLY THIS TIME.

YEAH RIGHT! MOVE IT, FATTY!

YOU MIND... IF I STAND AT THE SIDE FOR A SECOND?

SCRUB

PLEASE ANSWER MY REQUEST!!

ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?!

AS A MEMBER OF THE SAME D TEAM, I WOULD LIKE TO WATCH MY PITCHER'S THROW PROPERLY...

BETTER STAY CONCENTRATED!! HERE I COME!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I'LL SHOW YOU MY PITCH, ALRIGHT!

FINE...THEN STAND...

EHH!?

PUFF

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SPECIAL CLONE MIRACLE BALL!!!

EHHH?! THE BALL REALLY DID GET CLONED !!!

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WAAAA AAHH!!

CLANG

THUNK

BONK

OWWW !!

SLIP!

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YOU SUR-PRISED ME SO MUCH IT CAME OUT, DAMMIT!!!

WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?! PLEASE DON'T THROW 3 BALLS ALL ATTHE SAME TIME!!

GA HA HA HA !!

THERE WERE ACTUALLY THREE SEPARATE BALLS!

WOOOOW!! IT REALLY DID CLONE ITSELF!

IDIOT...

EHHHH! HOW COULD HE HOLD THREE BALLS ALL WITH ONE HAND?! THAT'S AMAZING!!

THE D TEAM...IS FULL OF IDIOTS...

THEN GET OFF THE DAMN FIELD, YOU IDIOT!

WHAT ARE YOU ACTING SO COOL-HEADED FOR?!

I JUST CRAPPED MY PANTS!! THIS IS YOUR FAULT TOO!!

AND SO WE MEET...THE BEAN BALL.

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YOU COULD SAY THAT'S MY DREAM! UFUFU...

TO STAND IN THE BOX AS A SECOND BASEMAN AT KOUSHIEN!

TL NOTE: THE ARENA WHERE THE FINAL GAME OF THE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS ARE HELD

...YOU'RE, YAMAGUCHI-KUN, IS IT...? THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS BASEBALL CLUB, AND THAT'S WHY IT'S SEPERATED INTO TEAMS A, B, C, AND D, BUT --

THERE IS NO "TEAM" FOR THE D TEAM.

ER...NAH, NEVERMIND... I THINK I CAN FIGURE IT OUT JUST FROM LOOKING AT YOU...

BUT UNTIL MY FIFTH YEAR, I WAS HITTING A LOT...

I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT A BATTING AVERAGE WAS WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

WHAT WAS YOUR BATTING AVERAGE WHERE YOU WERE BEFORE?

THAT ENDED WHEN I BECAME A SIXTH GRADER, THOUGH...FOR THE MOST PART...

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IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG...FOR EACH PERSON TO JUST STOP COMING...

AND THEN THEY FORCED ME TO BECOME A MANAGER...

THEY CALL US A TEAM OFFICIALLY, BUT...

THEY MAKE US DO ODD JOBS AND PICK UP BALLS IN THE HOPES THAT WE'LL JUST QUIT...

TO BE HONEST, THIS IS MORE LIKE A VAULT FOR THE CLOWNS. THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL US...IT'S D FOR DEAD STOCK.

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE GOOD PERSON IN HERE...AND WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POEPLE.

WHAT?

ALTHOUGH... IT'S THE SAME NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO...UNLESS YOU'VE GOT TALENT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE GAME.

BASEBALL REALLY THRIVES IN THIS AREA, SO THERE ARE A LOT OF KIDS AROUND HERE WHO DREAM OF KOUSHIEN...

THE COMPETITION IS INTENSE...

I ENTERED THIS CLUB AS A PLAYER! THERE ARE GIRLS WHO WANNA PLAY BASEBALL TOO, YA KNOW!

DON'T JUST ASSUME I'M A MANAGER BECAUSE I'M A GIRL, DAMMIT!

EH? YOU AREN'T A MANAGER, HIBARI-SAN?

YOU'D HAVE TO AT LEAST GET INTO THE C TEAM TO DO THAT.

NO WAY...

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WE CAN'T... PLAY GAMES?

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THEN WHY DON'T YOU ALL QUIT...?

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PROB-ABLY...

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BECAUSE THEY ALL LIKE BASEBALL!

...THAT'S WEIRD.

HMMM...EVEN THOUGH THEY CAN'T PLAY BASEBALL?

THIS ISN'T FOR ANY DIET!! AND I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM SOMEONE LIKE YOU.

WHO THINKS BASEBALL IS JUST A GAME OF THROWING BALLS AROUND!

ESPECIALLY YOU, FATTY... WHAT ARE YOU PRATTLING ON ABOUT? YOU'RE PROBABLY ONLY PLAYING BASEBALL BECAUSE YOU WANNA GO ON A DIET!

HURRY THE HELL UP!

ARE YOU TWO RETARDS...?

YOU OVERLY-SERIOUS TUB OF LARD! DON'T GET SO COCKY!

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IDIOT!

KUSTLE

C'MON NOW, OLI!

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THIS SHIT'S ALL LUKE-WARM!

YOU GUYS SURE TOOK YOUR SWEET TIME!

9TH GRADER
A TEAM LEFT
SECOND BASEMAN
NISHI HAYAO

WELL, YOU KNOW NISHI-SENPAI...HE'S REALLY CON-CEITED.

WHAT'S WITH HER ATTITUDE?

YOU'RE SLOWER THAN WE ARE!

DUMB-ASS! YOU TRY CARRYING 60 BOTTLES OVER HERE EVERY TIME!

I...I'M SORRY...

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HIBARI...THIS MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY TOUGH TO CARRY...SORRY FOR ALWAYS MAKING YOU DO THIS.

ASHIDA-SENPAI - HE'S A LOT LIKE ONODERA-SENPAI'S WIFE....

WHO?

HEY...NISHI ...THAT'S ENOUGH...

WHAT'D YOU SAY!? UGLY!!

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KYAA! ONODERA-SENPAI!

HEY... JIN...!

I KNOW...

HIBARI... WHEN YOU'RE LATE, OUR PRACTICE MENU GETS LATE...

MY RIVAL!!

WHAT?! ONODERA-SENPAI'S WIFE?!

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YES SIIIIR!

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DO YOUR JOBS RIGHT FROM NOW ON...

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THROB...

I'LL DO ODD JOBS AND PICK UP BALLS FOR THE TEAM AND THE CLUB! ...BUT

THAT IS NOT THE D TEAM'S "JOB!!"

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HEY, OU...

HUH?

COME ON, NISHI! I TOLD YOU TO STOP IT!

YOU FUCKING NEWBIE! GOD-DAMN FATTY-YYYY!!

YOU SHOULD ALL ALREADY UNDERSTAND YOUR PLACE...

TEACH THAT PLUMP NEWBIE A FEW THINGS FOR ME, WOULD YA...?

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AS THE EX-A TEAM ACE WITH A CRUSHED RIGHT SHOULDER.

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HEY, JIN! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

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WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO SERIOUS ABOUT, ANYWAY? WE'RE JUST PLAYING AROUND THROWING BALLS HERE...

WHATEVER.

SORRY... OH...

RUSTLE

"HE BROKE HIS SHOULDER A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, AND IF HE HAD PITCHED A BALL SERIOUSLY FROM THAT POINT ONWARDS, HE WOULD HAVE PERMANENTLY RUINED IT..."

"THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD HIM AT THE HOSPITAL..."

BUT THEN, IT'S LIKE THE SAY == THE GOD OF BASEBALL ABANDONED HIM."

"HE WAS THE SUPER ACE OF THE A TEAM..."

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...WE FIGHT A LOT ABOUT THINGS OVER THAN BASEBALL LATELY...

HE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT IT, SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW...

BUT MY MOM SAID THAT'S WHAT HIS MOM SAID...

SO...HE'S NOT GONNA TRY AND HEAL IT?

I CAN ALWAYS SEERIGHT THROUGH THEM...'CUZ HE'S SO STUPID.

I LOVE BASEBALL TOO...THAT'S WHY...HIS FEELINGS...

...AND I USED TO TEASE HIM ABOUT HOW HE WROTE THAT HIS DREAM WAS TO GET TALLER ON THE FIRST SOFTBALL HE EVER BOUGHT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

THAT REALLY PISSED HIM OFF, AND WE'D FIGHT OVER THAT TOO. THOSE OLD FIGHTS WERE FUN...

IT USED TO BE JUST FIGHTING OVER THE TIGERS VS. THE GIANTS, EXCITING TALK LIKE THAT.

TO HIM, BASEBALL MIGHT ALREADY BE...

OU-SENPAI... HE...INTENDS TO QUIT HERE...

BUT...

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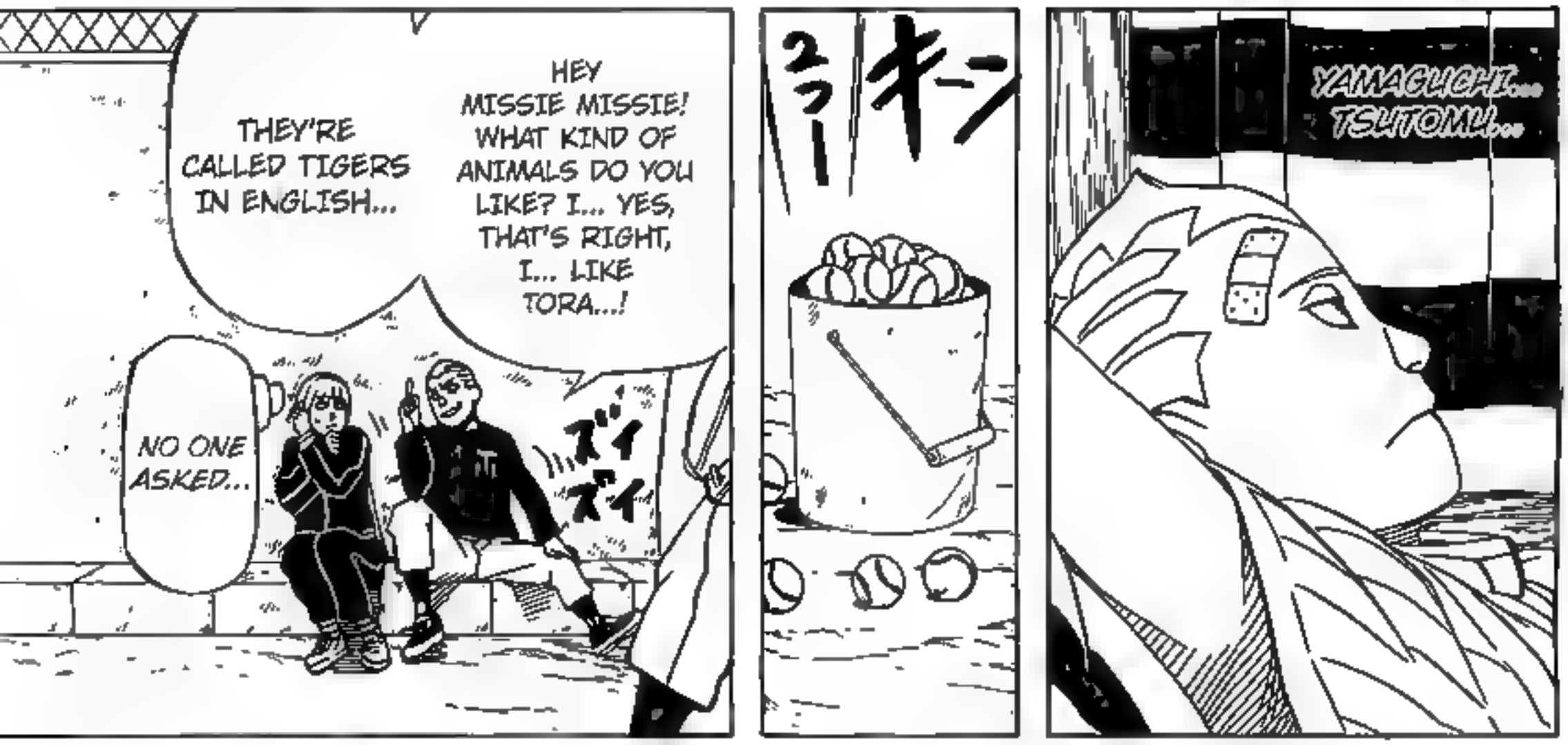
THEY'RE CALLED TIGERS IN ENGLISH...
HEY MISSIE MISSIE! WHAT KIND OF ANIMALS DO YOU LIKE? I... YES, THAT'S RIGHT, I... LIKE TORA...!
NO ONE ASKED...
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YAMAGUCHI... TSUTOMU...

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ARE YOU SERI-OUS ?!
DOGS ARE...KINDA SIMILAR TO TIGERS...
TWITCH
I LIKE DOGS!
TCH... NOT BAD...

GUH!!

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SOME-
THING THAT
YOU SPARES
DON'T HAVE...

GUYS WHO ARE
GONNA BECOME
REGULARS LIKE
US... WE'RE GIVEN
SOMETHING SPECIAL
FROM GOD...

YOU
KNOW... I'M
GONNA TEACH
YOU SOMETHING
IMPORTANT.

TO THINK...
A DEAD STOCK
LIKE YOU BUTTING
HORNS WITH US
ACES...

THE TALENT
OF BEING
BORN LOVING
BASEBALL.

EFFORT'S LIKE FORCING YOURSELF TO DO SOMETHING YOU DON'T REALLY LIKE THAT MUCH.

I DON'T LIKE THE WORD EFFORT...

YOU DON'T LIKE BASEBALL THAT MUCH...AND YOU STARTED LATE.

AND THEN ALL YOU SPARES EVER TALK ABOUT IS ONE THING: EFFORT!

I KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE JUST BY LOOKING AT YOU.

TO PUT IT BLUNTLY,

THIS WORLD... ISN'T A PLACE THAT CAN BE CHANGED THROUGH EFFORT.

PEOPLE LIKE THAT...CAN NEVER WIN AGAINST PEOPLE WHO LIKE BASEBALL, AND CAN ENJOY AND DO ANYTHING FOR THE GAME WITHOUT HAVING TO EVER THINK ABOUT PUTTING FORTH EFFORT.

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IN OTHER WORDS --

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THE GOD OF BASEBALL LOVES US MORE!

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YOU'VE GOT NO TALENT !!!

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I LOVE BASEBALL TOO...THAT'S WHY.. HIS FEELINGS...I CAN ALWAYS SEE RIGHT THROUGH THEM...'CUZ HE'S SO STUPID.

HAVE GOT NEITHER TALENT NOR SENSE!

YOU D TEAMERS

!!

OKAY?

IF YOU'RE A MAN...THEN JUST GIVE BASEBALL UP ALREADY...

I ENTERED THIS CLUB AS A PLAYER! THERE ARE GIRLS WHO WANNA PLAY BASEBALL TOO, YA KNOW!

EVERYONE ...ON THE D TEAM...

HUH? AHHH... WAIT, WASN'T SHE THE MANA-GER?

GAHAHA-HAHAHA!

OH YEAH, AND THERE WAS A GIRL MIXED IN THERE, TOO.

HEHEHEH! FROM NOW ON YOU'RE JUST THE ODD JOBS TEAM!!

BUT THEY ALL LOVE BASEBALL !!!

THEY ALL POSSESS THE EFFORT NECESSARY TO QUIT!!

DON'T MAKE FUN OF THE D TEAM!!!

ENOUGH HOWLING OUTTA YOU...

AND DON'T YOU EVER SIT ON MY BENCH, YOU TRASH!!

AN ACE SHOULDN'T MAKE A FIST WITH HIS RIGHT...

LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.

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...BUT I'M AN EX-ACE...!

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OH...YOU BASTARD ...!

WHAT DO YOU WANT, YOU HANSHIN IDIOT?!

GUARDING THIS FAT FUCK...! HOW FAR HAVE YOU FALLEN?!

KUH!

LET'S HAVE A MATCH!

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HE-HEH...

I'M GONNA PROVE THAT WE HAVE MORE TALENT THAN YOU GUYS!

HUH?

OU-KUN.

I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU FOR BEATING UP YAMA-GUCHI!

AND IT ISN'T MY STYLE TO GO BLABBING TO COACH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED...

WHAT MERIT WOULD THERE BE FOR US TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, EVEN IF WE WON?!

ARE YOU A RETARD?! THAT'S OBVIOUS WITHOUT EVEN PLAYING, YOU SPARE!!

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...THE PREVIOUS OFFER WAS A BETTER ONE, WASN'T IT ...?!

NO, FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE...

I'LL MAKE IT SO YOU CAN'T PLAY BASEBALL ANYMORE FOR A WHILE!

UNLIKE YOU, I HAVE NOTHING TO PROTECT...SO IF YOU DON'T AGREE,

THEN I'LL GO CRAZY HERE AND BREAK YOUR ACE AND SECOND BASEMAN'S ARMS!!

BUT SINCE WE D TEAMERS HAVE NO DEFENSE, OUR ONLY OPTION WILL BE TO GET AN OUT.

IF THE BATTER SENDS THE BALL FLYING, THEY WIN! THE PITCHER CAN EITHER GET HIM OUT OR WIN WITH 3 STRIKES!

ONE-HIT MATCHES.

IT'LL BE ME VS. NISHI ...AND THEN YAMAGUCHI VS. ONODERA.

GRIP

FINE BY ME ...

HMM, OKAY THEN

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OK... BUT IF EITHER OF YOU LOSE, I'M NEVER LETTING EITHER OF YOU KEEP SCORE AGAIN.

HEY, JIN ...!

... ALRIGHT!

AND YOU'LL BECOME OUR SLAVES.

RUSTLE

YEAH, OUR OLD BATTERY'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN BE TRUSTED.

... SURE ...

AND...ASHIDA WILL BE THE UMPIRE.

IT'LL HAPPEN 3 DAYS FROM NOW, AT THE B&G FIELD ...

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I DON'T THINK IT'S CRAZY!

WHY DID YOU COME UP WITH SUCH A CRAZY IDEA...

...MY DREAM...

YAMAGUCHI... WATCHING YOU, I REMEMBERED MY OLD SELF FOR SOME REASON!

TO STAND IN THE BOX AS A SECOND BASEMAN AT KOUSHIEN!

I'VE BEEN... SLACKING OFF SO MUCH LATELY.

...NAH, FORGET ABOUT IT...

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BE HONEST!

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I KNEW IT!

H...HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT...?!

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YOU'RE...

ATOM, AREN'T YOU?

YAMAGUCHI TSUTOMU...

DURING THEIR TRIP TO HAWAII, THERE WAS ONLY ONE STUDENT WHO, AGAINST AMERICA'S GENIUS PE...DARTH VADER, WAS ABLE TO HIT A HOME RUN!

WON IN THE ALL-JAPAN SCHOOL TOURNA-MENT!

SHOUHOKU SPORTS BOYS' CLUB, KANAGAWA REPRESEN-TATIVE!

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THIS... IS YOU, ISN'T IT?!

...WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOONER?!

LESSON 1

YOUR TEAM WAS CHOSEN AS A MODEL TEAM FOR A BOYS' BASEBALL TECHNIQUE BOOK!

IRON ARM ATOM (ASTRO BOY).

HE GOT A NICKNAME FOR HIS UNUSUAL HAIRSTYLE:

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THEN I WASN'T ABLE TO HIT THEM ANYMORE WHEN I BECAME A SIXTH GRADER...I WAS UNABLE TO LIVE UP TO MY NAME...

I HIT THAT HOME RUN AGAINST DARTH VADER WHEN I WAS A FIFTH GRADER...

BESIDES, THAT WAS AROUND 2 YEARS AGO...

CUZ! THERE'S NO ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT ANY MANIAC STUFF LIKE THAT...

LOOK...I WAS WAY SKINNER THEN, SO MY BODY WAS SMOOTHER...

R...REALLY? YOU DON'T LOOK THAT DIFFERENT...

...WHEN I GOT INTO THE 6TH GRADE...I GOT EVEN FATTER...

AND THEN I COULDN'T HIT ANYMORE.

WHAT HAPPENED?

...WHY WOULD SOMEONE AS GOOD AS YOU BECOME UNABLE TO HIT ALL OF A SUDDEN?

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ER... HOLDING IT THAT CLOSE ISN'T GONNA CHANGE ANYTHING... YOU LOOK THE SAME...

EHHHHH?

YOU JUST MIS-TOOK YOURSELF FOR A REALLY GOOD-LOOKING GUY...

NO, NO, NO... YOU'RE THE NEXT GUY OVER...

HUH? WHERE TO?

I'M GOING OUT NOW, COME WITH ME!

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...COULD THIS GUY BE...

AH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

YOU DIDN'T BECOME UNABLE TOHIT BECAUSE OF WEIGHT! I MEAN, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN CHANGED A BIT...

OK, ENOUGH ABOUT THAT!! ANYWAY...YOUR EYESIGHT MAY HAVE DETERIO-RATED!!

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A GLASSES STORE !!

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HURRY IT UP!

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JUST FOLLOW ME!!

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EH?

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SO THAT'S IT...

C'MON! HURRY! THE STORE'LL CLOSE!

YOU REALLY DO LOVE BASEBALL... OU-KUN!

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SLIP...

3 DAYS LATER...

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THEY'RE GLASSES!

...WHAT ARE THOSE, GOGGLES?!

SQUEAK...

SHUT UP! THESE WERE THE ONLY CHEAP ONES!

BUT THEY KEEP SLIPPING DOWN! AT LEAST GET THE RIGHT SIZE, DAMMIT! THEY'RE HUGE!

EH?

ONO-DERA-SENPA-AAAI

WE GET TO GO FIRST, OU!

ALRIGHT.

YEAH....ET'S HURRY UP AND START ALREADY!

...YOU REALLY OK WITH THIS, OU?

OU...
YOU...

SQUEAK

GAHAHAHA!! FIRST FATTY, NOW YOU...ARE YOU GUYS TRYING TO MAKE US LAUGH?!

OU'S LOOKING DOWN ON YOU! BITE HIM, NISHI!!

LEEEEEFT!!!?

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BEGIN!

DON'T THINK YOU CAN COMPLETE WITH A 4TH-SEATER LIKE ME USING SOME SUDDEN LEFT!

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DUMBASS! JUST HOW MUCH CAN YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE US?!

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EH?

A... STRIKE...

HE CAN PITCH WITH IT..

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SO EVER SINCE HIS RIGHT SHOULDER WENT BAD...HE'S BEEN PRACTICING PITCHING WITH HIS LEFT.

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THERE IS A SPIKE COVER ON HIS LEFT SHOE, AND IT LOOKS ALL BEAT-UP...

LOOK CLOSELY AT OU-SENPAI'S SPIKES...

I DIDN'T PICK UP ON IT EITHER...

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NISHI... HURRY UP AND GET IN POSITION...

BECAUSE OU-SEMPAI ALSO HAS LOT OF PRIDE

HE HID THIS UNTIL IT WAS COMPLETED...

HMPH... I WAS A LITTLE SURPRISED, BUT LOOKS LIKE THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT...

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE A TEAM'S #4, NISHI...

OU... YOU...

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WHAT?! A SLIDER NOW...?!

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GUESS THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED...IF NOT, THEN THIS WOULD BE NO COMPETITION!

AND TO THINK HE'D HAVE A VARIETY OF PITCHES FOR ME...

HE HONESTLY DOES HAVE A SUDDEN LEFT.

NISHI SHOULD BE ABLE TO HIT THIS NOW.

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FOUL!

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I STILL DON'T HAVE GOOD BALL CONTROL OR FORCE...

LOOKS LIKE...THIS IS THE END...

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YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, OU, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

NISHI'S GONNA SINK IT THIS TIME...

NO! OU!!

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OU... COULD IT BE...

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WAIT... SENPAI...

MY BASEBALL DREAM, THAT I ALREADY GAVE UP ON ONCE...

THANKS FOR MAKING ME REMEMBER IT...YAMAGUCHI.

...BUT BASEBALL'S ALL-I-GOT.

I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO AND RAISE UP MY LEFT...

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NISHI!!

HE PUSHED BACK HIS LEFT LEG!

BUT YOU STOPPED ME. THANKS.

I WAS ON THE VERGE OF HATING BASEBALL...

AND NOW...

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NO WAY...

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DID YOU SEE THAT...ASS-HOLE...

THANKS, OU-KUN...

DAMMIT!

SENPAI !!!

THIS IS PATHETIC! HURRY UP AND GET READY, NISHI!

YAMAGUCHI... HERE'S ONE STRAIGHT TO YOU!!!

BATTER OUT!!!

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NO NEED TO LIMBER UP! THIS'LL BE OVER IN 3 BALLS!

HIS RIGHT... REALLY IS SOME-THING...!!

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LISTEN TO YOU, ALWAYS SO IM-PORTANT.

BRING YOUR OWN DAMN BALLS!

HURRY UP AND GIVE ME A BALL, ISHII!

KYAAA, ONODERA-SENPAAAI!

HEHEH ...

STUPID...!

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HURRY IT UP, FATTY! WE'RE GONNA MAKE YOU INTO LIVESTOCK, SO HURRY UP AND END THIS!!

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EVERYONE HAS BAD TIMES HERE AND THERE. IT'S THEIR BIRTH-RIGHT.

OVER-SEAS...?

BUT APPARENTLY THAT WAS JUST MY MIS-UNDERSTANDING, AND WHAT HE ACTUALLY SAID WAS "PIG"...

I APPARENTLY LOOKED LIKE A SMALL PIG TO HIM.

WHEN I WAS OVERSEAS, THE PITCHER ON THE OTHER TEAM LOOKED AT ME AND SAID... "BIG"

...I WAS BIG AT THE TIME, SO I GUESS I LOOKED BIGGER TO THEM...

BUT NO MATTER HOW STUPID MY GLASSES LOOK, OR HOW FAT I AM...THERE COMES A TIME IN MY LIFE DURING BASEBALL WHERE I ABSOLUTELY DO LOOK COOL...

SQUEAK

BUT...I WAS ABLE TO COMPENSATE FOR MINE, SO THINGS BECAME EVEN...

I WAS SLOW, AND MY RUNNING AND MY DEFENSE WERE WORSE THAN AVERAGE.

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SLIP

ENOUGH BLABBER-ING!!

HIS GLASSES!

AAA-AAHH-HHH

I-SAW THE RELEASE POINT...

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...SO ...COOL.

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THAT'S ENOUGH !!

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THERE WAS A BATTING CENTER NEAR HIS HOUSE IN KANAGAWA...SO HE'S BEEN BATTING EVER SINCE HE WAS BORN.

JUST THROW BETTER SO THAT HE ISN'T ABLE TO HIT 'EM NEXT TIME.

ONODERA... THERE'S NO REASON TO GET DOWN...

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BUT YOURS IS EVEN HARDER!

I'VE CRUSHED MY HAND SO MANY TIMES TO MAKE IT HARD AND FLAT...!

AT LEAST GOOD ENOUGH TO BE THE SECOND BASEMAN ON THE A TEAM.

NISHI... YOU'RE NOT A BAD BATTER YOURSELF...

HMPH... SHUT UP.

THEY CALL HIM ATOM...UNTIL 3 DAYS AGO, I THOUGHT IT WAS A NAME THAT JAPANESE PEOPLE CAME UP WITH...

BUT THE TRUTH IS, AFTER THE GAME WAS FINISHED, DARTH VADER WENT UP AND CALLED HIM "THE STRONGEST BOY FROM JAPAN, ASTRO BOY," GIVING HIM THE NICKNAME ATOM.

REPRE-SENTING... JAPAN...?! THAT GUY ?!

HE WAS THE SECOND BASEMAN ON A TEAM REPRE-SENTING JAPAN OVERSEAS...

AND GOT THE ONLY HOME RUN ON THE OPPOSING TEAM'S PITCHER, DARTH VADER.

...JUST WHO IS THAT GUY?

SQUEAK

NOW, YOU GUYS... LIKE BASEBALL TOO, DON'T YOU?!

...ATOM WILL THROW HARDER! SWING BETTER! SO THAT HE DOESN'T LOSE.

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THE D TEAM'S GONNA GET EVEN STRONGER!

'CUZ I'M THEIR LEFT ACE!

TIME TO GATHER UP THE SLACK-ING-OFF D TEAM...

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WITH THAT LEFT?! YOU STILL NEED TO WORK ON IT.

HMPH

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ONCE IT GETS A LITTLE BIT FASTER, I'LL CHALLENGE ALL 9 OF YOU!

YEAH!

...SPEAKING OF WHICH, HELP ME LOOK FOR THE HOME RUN BALL...IT'S PRECIOUS TO ME!

THEY CONTINUE TO CHASE DREAMS AND WHITE BALLS!!

TXT: TO STAND AS AN ACE ON THE KOUSHIEN MOUND!!

BENCH

END

NEXT IS SORACHI HIDEAKI'S ONE-SHOT!!